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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Leo LINDER; and Frank MUELLER

entitled: **MOTOR VEHICLE WITH A BODY STRUCTURE AND WITH A SIDE
IMPACT PROTECTION DEVICE**

Enclosed are:

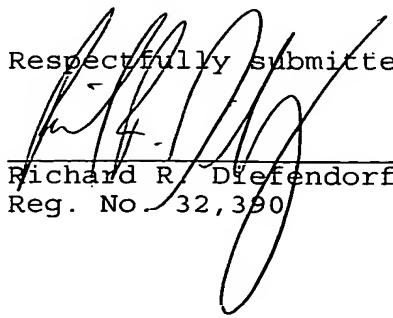
1. Specification, including 21 claims and Abstract of the Disclosure (16 pages).
2. 1 Sheet of Formal drawing.
3. Application Data Sheet (2 pages).
4. Certified copy of Priority Document 102 57 248.8 filed in Germany on December 7, 2002, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
5. Information Disclosure Statement & Form PTO-1449 with 4 references.

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Basic Fee					\$385/770 = \$770.00
Total Claims	<u>21</u>	- 20 =	<u>1</u>	x	\$ 9/18 = \$ 18.00
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